

ದಿಂದ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆ ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ಪೂರಾ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗೆ ತಡೆ ಅಗ್ಗ ಕೂಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದರು. ತಡೆ ಅಡ್ಡ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ, ಸಬ್ ಡಿವಿಜನಲ್ ಅಫೀಸರ್‌ರವರು ಸ್ಥಳ ಅಜಮಾಯಿಷಿ ಮಾಡಿ ವಿವರ ತರಿಸಿ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಅಫೀಸರ್‌ರವರು ಸ್ಥಳ ರಾಯಕ್ಕು ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದು ನಿಜ. ಅದಾದ ಮೇಲೆ 4-9-1965ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಡೈರೆಕ್ಟರ್, ಆಫ್ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಹೆಲ್ತ್, ಬ್ಯೂರೋ ಆಫ್ ಎಪಿಡಿಯೋಲಜಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಅಫೀಸರ್ ರಾಯಚೂರು ಅವರಿಬ್ಬರೂ ಸ್ಥಳ ಅಜಮಾಯಿಷಿ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅದು, ರಾಯಕ್ಕು ಆಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವರದಿ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಅದು ರಾಯಕ್ಕು ಆಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ವೆಕೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಜ್ಞೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

12-30 P.M.

### ABOLITION OF OCTROI.

627. Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—

Will the Minister for Finance and Informantion be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding abolition of Octroi ;

(b) if so, the alternate arrangement made to make good the loss caused thereby ?

Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance and Informa-tion).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—If no decision is taken, may I know whether the Government is proposing to take a decision ?

†Sri M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—As the Hon'ble Member knows, there is a small group of officials and non-officials who are examining this matter. The group consists of the Mayor of Hubli Dharwar, Commissioner, Bangalore City Corpora-tion, President, Belgaum Chamber of Commerce, Hon'ble Secretary, Canara Chamber of Commerce, one representative from the Transport Operators, Financial Commissioner and Commissioner for Commercial Taxes. As we know, unless some concreté proposals come up whereby we can make alternative arrangements to make up the loss of revenue in case we decide to abolish octroi Government is not in a position to take a definite decision. However, we have an open mind on octroi. Octroi is an outmoded tax. At the same time, all the parties concerned, Municipalities and Transport Operators, other Chambers of Commerce and concerned people know that it cannot be abolished without making proper alternative arrangements. It is not yet clear

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what those alternative arrangements can be. Therefore, I have set-up an informal group to go into this matter, and in the light of discussions they have, if some concrete proposals come up which are feasible then certainly Government will think of abolishing octroi, not otherwise, because octroi is the main source of revenue for several municipalities, the income being about Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 crores, and this income of about Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 crores cannot be given up without making alternative arrangements, whereby the income of the municipalities is fully safeguarded. Without doing that, if we abolish octroi, then it will be a tremendous burden on the Exchequer and will affect the size of the Plan.

**Sri D B. KALMANKAR.**—The Bhootalingam Committee report has come and they have recommended that this must be abolished. As such, why not the Government take action at the earliest?

**Sri M. Y. GHORPADE.**—All the municipalities are strongly against the abolition of octroi unless some other arrangement is made. What that some other arrangement is, not so easy to decide upon. Several ideas are being discussed, such as turnover tax, surcharge of sales tax, etc. Each of these ideas have certain merits and demerits. I have been making an earnest effort to try and find out whether a solution acceptable to all parties, which will not be an undue burden on the tax-payer, can be evolved, because a revenue of Rs. 8 to Rs. 9 crores is not a small amount. Maharashtra also wants abolish octroi; they also say that it is an outmoded tax and it should be abolished as soon as it becomes feasible. Maharashtra, which is a much surplus State, has not been able to abolish octroi. Therefore, the Hon'ble Member will appreciate that though the Government wants to do away with octroi as soon as it finds feasible alternatives, it is not something that we can do it in a hurry without going into the full implications of it.

**Madam SPEAKER.**—Q. No. 653.

**Sri S. M. KRISHNA** (Minister for Industries and Palimentary Affairs)—**Madam Speak** I would appreciate if this Question No. 653 can be taken up on 2nd May, by which time I hope to get the full information.

**Madam SPEAKER.**—The question is held-over.

#### D.P.A.P. IN KOLAR DISTRICT

675. **Sri A. V. MUNISWAMY** (Malur).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that DPAP exists in a few taluks of Kolar District;